

Sentence ranges for all sex offenses increased sharply under the Community Protection Act, which was passed in 1990.

Crime	Prior Sentence Range	Increased Sentence Range Community Protection Act
Rape First Degree	5 years in prison	7.5 years in prison
Rape of a Child First Degree	5 years in prison	7.5 years in prison
Rape Second Degree	2 years in prison	5 years in prison
Rape of a Child Second Degree	2 years in prison	5 years in prison
Child Molestation First Degree	2 years in prison	5 years in prison
Indecent Liberties, Forceable	18 months in prison	3 years in prison
Child Molestation Second Degree	13 months in prison	18 months in prison
Rape of a Child Third Degree	6 months in jail	12+ months in prison
Child Molestation Third Degree	2 months in jail	9 months in jail

These and all other sex offender sentence ranges were increased again later that decade, and in 1996, the Washington State Legislature passed a "Two Strikes and You're Out" law, allowing for life sentences for certain repeat sex offenders.